

Application No. 10/584,772

Reply to Office Action of December 22, 2008

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 4. This sheet, which includes Fig. 4, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-6 are pending, Claims 1 and 5 having been amended, and Claim 2 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The subject matter of Claim 2 has been incorporated into Claims 1 and 5, and therefore no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Figure 4 was objected to; Claim 5 was objected to; Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gage (U.S. Patent No. 5,363,363), in view of Yanagawa, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,555,538, hereinafter Yanagawa); and Claims 5 and 6 were rejected as being unpatentable over Gage in view of Yanagawa and in further view of Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,958,805).

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter.

In reply, a replacement drawing for Figure 4 has been filed herewith including the label "Background Art".

In view of the indication of the allowable subject matter in Claim 2, Applicants have opted to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 2 in independent Claims 1 and 5. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications directed to original Claims 1 and 5.

Also, Applicants have adopted the suggestion by the Examiner for the language in Claim 5.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the indication of allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that the invention as defined by Claims

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1 and 3-6 as amended, is definite and patentably distinguishing over the prior art. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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